

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the following claims:

1 - 6 (canceled).

7. (currently amended) A temporary ~~platform or roadway~~ for use in transporting heavy objects over on soft, watery or unstable infirm terrain while minimizing damage to said terrain comprising:

~~one or a plurality of layers of~~ gabion containers; said gabion containers having one or a plurality of compartments; said gabion containers being constructed with flexible wire mesh; a light-weight filler material contained within said one or a plurality of compartments; and

~~said one or a plurality of layers of~~ gabion containers being connected to each other to create a layer; said layer having a top surface suitably arranged to support one or a plurality of panels laid flat on said top surface in order to forming said platform or the roadway.

8. (currently amended) The ~~platform or roadway~~ of claim 7, wherein the filler material is comprised of a buoyant material.

9. (currently amended) The ~~platform or roadway~~ of claim 8, wherein the buoyant material consists of a polystyrene foam.

10. (currently amended) The ~~platform or roadway~~ of claim 7, wherein the filler material is encapsulated in a wrapper in order to avoid contamination of an area surrounding the roadway.

11. (canceled).

12. (currently amended) A method of constructing a temporary platform or roadway to support heavy objects over infirm ~~for use on soft, watery or unstable terrain while~~ minimizing damage to said terrain comprising:

filling a plurality of gabion containers with a light-weight filler material; said gabion containers being constructed with flexible wire mesh;
connecting a the one or plurality of gabion containers to each other to form a layer; said ~~layer of gabion containers~~ having a top surface;
overlaying one or a plurality of panels on the top surface to form the platform or roadway.

13. (original) The method set forth in claim 12, wherein the filler material is comprised of a buoyant material.

14. (original) The method set forth in claim 13, wherein the buoyant material consists of a polystyrene foam.

15. (original) The method set forth in claim 12, wherein the filler material is encapsulated in a wrapper.

16. (original) The method set forth in claim 15, wherein the wrapper consists of a fabric.

17 - 19. (canceled).

20. (new) A temporary platform for supporting heavy objects over infirm terrain while minimizing damage to said terrain comprising:

a plurality of gabion containers, each of said gabion containers having one or a plurality of compartments; said gabion containers further being constructed with flexible wire mesh and having a light-weight filler material contained within said plurality of compartments;

said plurality of gabion containers further being arranged adjacent to each other to form a layer with a top surface for receiving the heavy objects.

21. (new) The temporary platform of claim 20, wherein a plurality of gabion containers are connected to each other in order to form said layer, said layer having a top surface for receiving the heavy objects.

22. (new) The temporary platform of claim 21, further comprising one or a plurality of panels overlaying the top surface in order to receive the heavy objects.
23. (new) The temporary platform of claim 21, wherein the filler material is comprised of a buoyant material.
24. (new) The temporary platform of claim 23, wherein the buoyant material consists of a polystyrene foam.
25. (new) The temporary platform of claim 21, wherein the filler material is encapsulated in a wrapper in order to avoid contamination of an area surrounding the platform.